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Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008

**Transition to Adulthood Program
Provider Information
and Dialogue Session:**

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Agenda



- Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008
- Review of Pricing Analysis and Rate Development Methodologies
- Program Definition
- FY15 Spending
- Productivity Chart and Billable Hours
- Preliminary Model Budget
- Questions for Providers
- Next Steps
- Questions / Feedback



Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008 Regulates Pricing for the POS System



Chapter 257 places authority for determination of Purchase of Service reimbursement rates with the Secretary of Health and Human Services under MGL 118E. The Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) provides staffing and support for the development of Chapter 257 pricing.

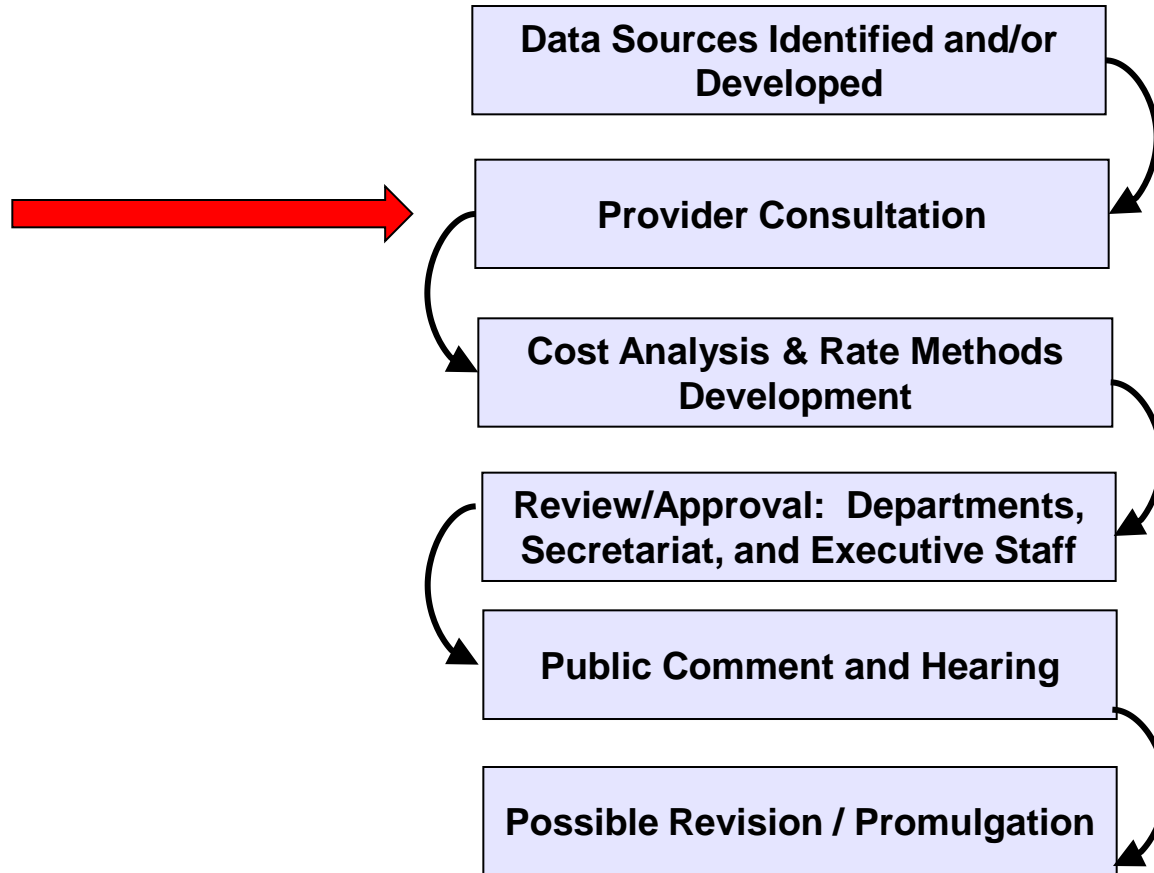
- Chapter 257 requires that the following criteria be considered when setting and reviewing human service reimbursement rates:
 - Reasonable costs incurred by efficiently and economically operated providers
 - Reasonable costs to providers of any existing or new governmental mandate
 - Changes in costs associated with the delivery of services (e.g. inflation)
 - Substantial geographical differences in the costs of service delivery



Process of Analysis, Development, Approval, and Hearing



Pricing Analysis, Rate Development, Approval, and Hearing Process





Transition to Adulthood Program Definition



The MRC Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP) assists students, who may have disabilities, in preparing for the transition from high school to adulthood. Students receiving TAP services attend public, private, and residential schools throughout Massachusetts. Experienced skills trainers, who themselves may have a disability, provide advocacy, skills training, and peer counseling to consumers, helping students learn how to live independently in the community of their choice. Any individual who is aged 14-22 and enrolled in special education and who desires to learn independent living and self-advocacy skills is eligible for TAP.



Transition to Adulthood Program Definition (continued)



Services available through the program typically include:

- information and referral
- intake / assessment / ILP development
- outreach
- peer counseling
- skills training
- individual advocacy and service coordination
- technical assistance
- social / recreation
- research / materials development
- services and supports to family members.



Transition to Adulthood Program FY2015 Spending



In FY15, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission contracted with 7 Independent Living Centers (ILCs) throughout the state to provide TAP services to consumers.

PROGRAM	FY15 SPENDING
Transition to Adulthood (TAP) - 2222	\$600,523



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Billable Hours (*Example*)



The per-client-hour unit of service is based on a productivity chart of annual billable service hours performed by staff who interact directly with consumers. The total number of annual employment hours available to 1 Direct Care FTE equals 2,080 (40 hours * 52 weeks). Built into the sample productivity table below are allowances for non-direct service hours, including 3.5 weeks of vacation, sick and personal days; 2 weeks of holidays; and Administration (training, travel, supervision and documentation). Total non-direct hours in the example equals 220, which is subtracted from the total available hours (2,080), resulting in total productive (billable) hours of 1,860 per Direct Care FTE.

Billable Hours	Weeks	Hours	Total
Maximum Available DC Hours	52	40	2,080
Non-direct service hours			
Vacation/Sick/Personal	3.5	40	140
Holidays (10 Days)	2	40	80
Administration (Travel, Training, Supervision, Documentation)	46.5	Variable	Variable
Subtotal non-direct hours			220
Total Available Hours per DC FTE			1,860
Total DC FTEs			1.00
TOTAL PRODUCTIVE HOURS			1,860



Transition to Adulthood Program Model Budget (*Preliminary*)



- Staffing and expenses in the model were derived from FY16 contract data.
- Individual staff titles have been combined into:
 - Management
 - Direct Care Blend
 - Support
- Management and Support FTEs are calculated as a ratio compared to 1 Direct Care FTE.

MRC Transition to Adulthood (TAP) - 2222		
Service Unit - Hour	Total Hours	1,860
POSITION	FTEs	EXPENSE
Management	0.06	
DC Blend	1.00	
Support	0.02	
Total Program Staff	1.08	
Tax and Fringe		
Total Compensation		70%
Occupancy		
Training		
Travel		
Program Supplies		
Program Support		
Other Expense		
Total Reimb excl M&G		87%
Admin. Allocation		13%
Total		100%
Cost Adjustment Factor		
Unit Rate - Per Hour		



Transition to Adulthood Program Questions for Providers



- Contract data indicates that MRC purchased approximately 8,176 units in FY2015. Is this number correct?
- On average, how many non-direct service hours are devoted to Administration?
 - Travel
 - Training
 - Supervision
 - Documentation
- Are there other non-direct service hours that should be considered in the productivity chart?



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Next Steps



- Discuss provider feedback internally
- Recommend final rate review proposal to executive staff
- Propose rates via a draft regulation
- Public hearing – oral and written testimony
- Review submitted testimony, revise rates as needed
- Finalize rates



Questions/Feedback



The meeting presentation will be posted on Chapter 257 website:

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